

NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On June 24, 2009, a two count Indictment was unsealed charging Rosa Linda Banda and Armando Orozco-Sanchez with marriage fraud and fraud in the filing of immigration documents. The Indictment alleges that Banda and Orozco were married to evade immigration laws and filed false documents for the purpose of deceiving Immigration authorities. Both defendants appeared before the Honorable Richard G. Kopf and entered pleas of not guilty to the charges filed. Trial is set for August 31, 2009 in Lincoln.

Name of Defendant: Rosa Linda Banda

AKA:

Age: 53

City of residence: Cozad, Nebraska

Name of Defendant: Armando Orozco Sanchez

AKA:

Age: 43

City of residence: Lexington, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Marriage Fraud, 8 USC 1325(c), up to 5 years imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, or both fine and imprisonment, up to 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Misuse and fraud in relation to immigration documents, 18 USC 1546(a), up to 5 years imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, or both fine and

imprisonment, up to 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Cozad, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Cozad, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: November 29, 2004 and December 8, 2004

Federal Arrest Date: June 23, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: June 16, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: June 24, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Trial date 8-31-2009

Sentencing Date:

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Banda - Released on conditions

Orozco - Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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